

Claims

[c1] *Sub B12* 1. A gaming device comprising:
an award distributor having a plurality of award symbols, at least one selection group activator symbol, and a symbol indicator;
at least one selection set having a plurality of selections;
a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections in said selection set;
a selector for enabling a player to pick said selections in said selection set; and
a processor for causing said symbol indicator to indicate symbols of the award distributor, for providing the player any award associated with each indicated award symbol, for co-acting with the selector to enable the player to pick at least one of the selections from said plurality of selections when said selection group activator symbol is indicated, for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player and for reducing the number of available selections in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player when the selection group activator symbol is indicated.

[c2] 2. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of selection sets wherein each set has a plurality of selections.

[c3] 3. The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein the processor randomly selects one of the selection sets when said selection group activator symbol is indicated.

[c4] *Sub B3* 4. The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes a probability associated with each selection set that such selection set will be activated when said selection group activator symbol is indicated.

[c5] 5. The gaming device of Claim 4, wherein the probability associated with one of the selection sets is higher than the probability associated with another of the selection sets.

[c6] 6. The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein the selection set having a higher probability includes selection awards having a lower average value than an average value of awards associated with another selection set.

[c7] 7. The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein the selection set having the higher probability has selection awards with an average value higher than another selection set.

[c8] 8. The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein said award distributor includes a plurality of selection group activator symbols.

[c9] 9. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein each of said selection group activator symbols is associated with one of the selection sets.

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[c10] 10. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a probability of being indicated associated with each symbol, wherein the processor determines the symbol indicated based on said probabilities.

[c11] 11. The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein a plurality of said probabilities are the same.

[c12] 12. The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein all of said probabilities associated with said symbols are the same.

[c13] 13. The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein the probability associated with said selection group activator symbol is higher than the probability associated with one of the award symbols.

[c14] 14. The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein the probability associated with said selection group activator symbol is higher than the probabilities associated with a plurality of aid award symbols.

[c15] 15. The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein the probability associated with said selection group activator symbol is higher than the probabilities associated with all of said award symbols.

[c16] 16. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes probabilities

associated with said selection group activator symbol and said awards symbols such that the selection group activator symbol has a greater probability of being indicated by said selection indicator than at least one of said award symbols.

- [c17] 17. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of potential total awards, whereby said processor picks one of said total awards and repeatedly indicates symbols on the award distributor having said awards associated with said award symbols and said selection awards associated with said selection group activator symbol until the awards accumulate to the total award.
- [c18] 18. The gaming device of Claim 17, wherein said total awards are associated with probabilities such that one of said total awards has a higher probability of being selected by said processor than another of said total awards.
- [c19] 19. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said symbol indicator includes an illumination device which indicates an award symbol or selection group activator symbol of said distributor.
- [c20] 20. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said award distributor includes an award wheel wherein the award symbols and the selection group activator symbol are on the award wheel.
- [c21] 21. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes means for the player to obtain at least one additional activation of the award distributor.
- [c22] 22. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said selection set includes a predetermined number of available selections, wherein the processor decreases the number of subsequently available selections after each pick of a selection by a player.
- [c23] 23. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the processor reduces the number of available selections in the selection set by a randomly

determined number.

[c24] 24. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the processor reduces the number of available selections in the selection set by a predetermined amount.

[c25] 25. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the processor reduces the number of selections by the number of selections picked by the player.

[c26] 26. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said award distributor includes at least one terminator symbol, wherein the processor ends the activations of the award distributor if said terminator symbol is indicated by said symbol indicator.

[c27] 27. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein a terminator is associated with one selection in the selection set, wherein the processor ends the activations of the award distributor if the player picks the selection having the associated terminator.

[c28] 28. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes means for enabling the player to at least partially determine a number of activations of the award distributor.

[c29] 29. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a display device controlled by the processor, wherein said display device continuously displays the selection set during activations of the award distributor and picks of the selections from the selection sets.

[c30] Sub B5 30. A gaming device having a bonus game comprising:
an award distributor having a plurality of award symbols, at least one selection group activator symbol, and a symbol indicator;
a plurality of selection sets and a plurality of selections in each selection set;
a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections in said selection sets;

a selector for enabling a player to pick said selections in said selection sets; and

a processor for causing said symbol indicator to indicate symbols of the award distributor, for providing the player any award associated with each indicated award symbol, for co-acting with the selector to enable the player to pick at least one of the selections from said plurality of selections in one of said selection groups when said selection group activator symbol is indicated, and for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player.

[c31] *Subj 6* 31. The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein when one of the selections in one of the selection sets is selected, the processor reduces the number of available selections in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player.

[c32] 32. The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein the processor randomly selects one of the selection sets for the player to pick from when said selection group activator symbol is indicated.

[c33] *Subj 7* 33. The gaming device of Claim 30, which includes a probability associated with each selection set that such selection set will be activated when said selection group activator symbol is indicated.

[c34] 34. The gaming device of Claim 33, wherein the probability associated with one of the selection sets is higher than the probability associated with another of the selection sets.

[c35] 35. The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein said award distributor includes a plurality of selection group activator symbols.

[c36] 36. The gaming device of Claim 35, wherein each of said selection group activator symbols is associated with one of the selection sets.

[c37] 37. The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein the processor and the selector co-act to enable the player to pick at least one selection from each

selection set when the selection group activator symbol is indicated.

[c38] 38. The gaming device of Claim 30, which includes a probability of being indicated associated with each symbol, wherein the processor determines the symbol indicated based on said probabilities.

[c39] 39. The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein said award distributor includes an award wheel wherein the award symbols and the selection group activator symbol are on the award wheel.

[c40] 40. The gaming device of Claim 30, which includes a plurality of activations of said award distributor.

[c41] 41. The gaming device of Claim 40, which includes means for the player to obtain at least one additional activation of the award distributor.

[c42] 42. The gaming device of Claim 30, which includes means for the player to select a number of activations of the award distributor.

[c43] 43. The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein said award distributor includes at least one terminator symbol, wherein the processor ends the activations of the award distributor if said terminator symbol is indicated by said symbol indicator.

[c44] 44. The gaming device of Claim 30, wherein a terminator is associated with one selection in the selection set, wherein the processor ends the activations of the award distributor if the player picks the selection having the associated terminator.

[c45] 45. A gaming device comprising:
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a plurality of selection sets having a plurality of selections;
a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections in said sets;
a selector for enabling a player to pick said selections in said selection sets;
an award distributor having a plurality of award symbols, a selection

group activator symbol associated with each selection set, and a symbol indicator; and

a processor for causing said symbol indicator to indicate symbols of the award distributor, for providing the player any award associated with each indicated award symbol, for co-acting with the selector to enable the player to pick at least one of the selections from the selection set associated with the indicated selection group activator symbol, for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player and for reducing at least one available selection in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player.

[c46] 46. The gaming device of Claim 45, wherein the selector includes a touch screen.

[c47] 47. A gaming device comprising:

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a first selection set;
a second selection set;
a plurality of selection awards associated with said first and second selection sets, wherein said first selection set includes selections with larger value awards than said second selection set;
a selector for enabling a player to pick said selections in said selection sets;

an award distributor having a plurality of award symbols, a selection group activator symbol, and a symbol indicator; and

a processor for causing said symbol indicator to indicate symbols of the award distributor, for providing the player any award associated with each indicated award symbol, for co-acting with the selector to enable the player to pick one of the selections from said first or second selection sets when said selection group activator symbols is indicated, for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player, for eliminating the selection picked from the available selections in said first or second selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player.

[c48] 48. The gaming device of Claim 47, wherein probabilities of being activated are associated with said first and second selection sets, and the probability associated with said first selection set is higher than the probability associated with said second selection set.

[c49] 49. A gaming device having a bonus game comprising:
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a wheel having a plurality of sections;
a plurality of award symbols on a plurality of said sections of said wheel;
a plurality of awards associated with said award symbols;
a selection group activator symbol on one of said sections of said wheel;
at least one selection set associated with said selection group activator symbol;
a plurality of selections included in each of said selection sets;
a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections;
a section indicator; and
a processor for causing one of said award wheel and said section indicator to repeatedly move to indicate sections on the wheel, for providing the player any award associated with each indicated award symbol, for enabling the player to pick one of the selections from the selection set associated with the indicated selection group activator symbol and for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player and reducing available selections in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player.

[c50] 50. The gaming device of Claim 49, which includes a probability of being indicated associated with each section, wherein the processor determines the section indicated based on said probabilities.

[c51] 51. The gaming device of Claim 50, wherein a plurality of said probabilities are the same.

[c52] 52. The gaming device of Claim 50, wherein all of said probabilities

are the same.

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Subj 21 53. The gaming device of Claim 49, which includes a plurality of activations of said award wheel.

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Subj 22 54. A gaming device having a bonus game comprising:
a wheel having a plurality of sections;
a plurality of award symbols on a plurality of said sections of said wheel;
a plurality of awards associated with said award symbols;
at least one selection group activator symbol on at least one of said sections of said wheel;
at least two selection sets;
a plurality of selections included in each of said selection sets;
a plurality of selection awards associated with said selections;
a section indicator; and
a processor for causing one of said award wheel and said section indicator to repeatedly move to indicate sections on the wheel, for providing the player any award associated with each indicated award symbol, for enabling the player to pick one of the selections from one of the selection sets associated with the indicated selection group activator symbol, and for providing the selection award associated with each picked selection to the player.

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55. The gaming device of Claim 54, wherein when the player picks one of the selections in one of the selection sets, the processor reduces available selections in said selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player.

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Subj 23 56. A gaming device having a bonus game comprising:
a wheel;
a plurality of award symbols associated with said wheel, and an award associated with each award symbol;
a sub-game activator symbol associated with said wheel;

a symbol indicator;
a plurality of sub-games, each sub-game including at least one sub-game award; and
a process for causing the symbol indicator to indicate one of the symbols on the wheel a plurality of times, for producing a player any awards associated with the indicated award symbols, for enabling the player to play one of the sub-games when said sub-game activator symbol is indicated, and for providing the player any sub-game award obtained by the player in the sub-game.

[c57] 57. The gaming device of Claim 56, which includes a probability of obtaining higher value awards associated with each sub-game, wherein the probability increases after each sub-game is played by the player.

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[c58] 58. A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:
(a) activating an award distributor including award symbols and at least one selection group activator symbol;
(b) providing an award to the player if an award symbol is indicated by the award distributor;
(c) displaying a selection set having a plurality of selections if a selection group activator symbol is indicated by the award distributor;
(d) enabling a player to pick one of said selections from said selection set;
(e) revealing a selection award associated with the picked selection;
(f) decreasing the number of available selections in the selection set which may be subsequently picked by the player; and
(g) repeating steps (a) through (e) at least once.

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